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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/694,875
Applicants: Hirotoshi ARIGA, et al.
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For: BUMPER SPOILER AND BUMPER STRUCTURE
Group Art Unit: 3612
Examiner: P.ENGLE

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 17, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1-14 and 17-18 of the present application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement based upon MPEP § 803 which states:

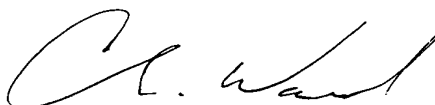
... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Therefore, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-18 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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